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# CRATFIELD NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017



Happy St. Valentines Day Cratfield!

## Hello and Goodbye

A slightly belated, but nevertheless, very warm welcome to Sam and Laura, and Holly and Angus who, just before Christmas, moved into 1 and 2 Poacher's Cottages, Bell Green.

Also to Alexia and Stephen Paul, who have recently moved into Rookery Farm.

We wish them every happiness in their new homes and hope they enjoy being in Cratfield as much as we do.

Sadly we must say goodbye to Lesley Valentine who has left Rookery Farm after 28 very happy years. She is moving to Rutland to be nearer family. She feels sure Alexia and Stephen will love and care for Rookery Farm as much as she and John did for all those years.

### Do you live in one of Cratfield's period properties? If so, perhaps you can help.

I am in the process of making a large appliqué wall-hanging of the period houses in the village. I have completed 30 houses/cottages thus far and think there are another 28/9 to do. I need photographs to work from so I would be grateful if I could take a photograph of the front of your home. If you would be happy for me to do so maybe you could give me a ring, if not I shall come knocking on your door at some time to ask permission. I hope when the work is completed I will be able to hang it in the church so that everyone will have access to view.

So, if you would like to help me out, my number is 01986 798725 or I'll come knocking! I'll bring some pieces along so you can see what I'm doing.

Thank you in advance,  
Sue Eade

### Cratfield Carol Singing

Sue and Tim are very pleased to say the total raised from their carol singing around the village was £220.00 which has gone to the Syria Appeal Red Cross. A big thank you to everyone involved, a great effort. Cratfield's own David Bowie is in full agreement with the above.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH - FEBRUARY SERVICES

SUNDAY 12TH	SUNDAY 19TH	SUNDAY 26TH
6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Holy Com- munion DB	8.00am Holy Communion DB
<b>Sidesperson</b> A. Edmonds	<b>Sidesperson</b> C. Mobbs	<b>Sidesperson</b> D. Peacock
<b>Reader</b> R. Harrison	<b>Reader</b> A. Edmonds	<b>Reader</b> E. Cook
Deut 30:15-20 1 Corinth 3:1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37	Genesis 1:1-2:3 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-34	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 7:1-9

If you cannot fulfill these requirements please contact Margaret Thompson

### Christmas Day Service

On behalf of all those who attended the Christmas Day Service Sue and Tim would like to offer praise to David Burrell for 'the brilliant service he delivered - very much geared towards a family celebration of this special time'.

## Happy New year to you all

A farmer was selling eggs at a market

The first customer came up and said they wanted half the eggs in the basket plus half an egg.

The farmer handed these over without breaking an egg.

The second customer came up and said they wanted half the eggs in the basket plus half an egg.

The farmer handed these over without breaking an egg.

The third customer came up and said they wanted half the eggs in the basket plus half an egg.

The farmer complied without breaking an egg.

What is the smallest number of eggs the Farmer could have had in the first place?

An interesting little riddle that I am sure you will be able to work out. If not don't worry the answer is below.

For some people the Bible is a riddle something they find hard to fathom. But like all riddles once explained it becomes obvious. Lent is fast approaching in fact it starts on the first of March, why not take the opportunity on offer this lent to perhaps get some answers to the riddle of the Bible. There are many good bible individual bible study booklets but if you would like to look at a bit of the bible over four sessions during Lent why not come along to our Lent course. No fore knowledge is required or expected. We shall be looking, in St Mark's gospel, at the events around Jesus' last week before His crucifixion. The first meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at the Rectory.

David

*The answer to the Farmer's eggs was that he had seven eggs in his basket.*

*The first customer took half the eggs 3.5 plus a half and egg which makes four*

*Leaving the Farmer with three eggs.*

*The second customer took Half what was left 1.5 eggs plus a half which makes two*

*Leaving the Farmer with one egg.*

*The third customer took half the eggs that is a half plus a half making one.*

*Thus no eggs were broken and the Farmer sold all his eggs.*

*Simple*

## Community Walk

What a splendid turn out there was for this 1<sup>st</sup> time event. As we gathered in the newly cleared church yard the fire was already blazing with some rather rosy-cheeked members of the village busy stoking the flames. Such a hearty blaze even encouraged the church's newly installed alarm system to join in the general hub-bub of conversation.



It was good to see so many locals taking part and some newcomers to our community being welcomed; such a simple activity— a walk – bringing so many people together. Our thanks to Margaret and Clive for coming up with the idea.

Clive led the way around 'the little globe' followed by a merry band of about 45 people and 11 dogs (all sociable!) all at their own pace according to age and ability, (the people not the dogs!). The children had a star trail to follow, with stars to collect (organised by Clive, probably Helen too, but I forgot to check) and were rewarded with a much appreciated Kit-Kat.

On our return the fire was still blazing (it may still be) and the faces were even rosier, a very welcome mug of tea with crumpet or tea-cake was provided for all, for this we thank Margaret and her band of helpers who always turn up trumps.

Toasted marshmallows were also on offer and greatly enjoyed. A dull Sunday afternoon was truly enlivened by such a social and sociable occasions. The event was, indeed, the success Margaret and Clive had hoped it would be.



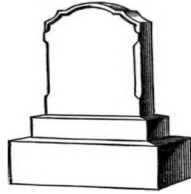
Thanks to all who joined in with the organisation, creating the fire and providing the refreshments and to the 47 people and 11 dogs who turned out to walk together.

I think we are all glad to be living in the village of Cratfield and to be a part of such a warm and friendly community.

Sue Eade

## St. Mary's Churchyard - Newly Cleared

I don't know how many of you have ever visited our churchyard, I think perhaps there are those who like to do so and those who perhaps are not so comfortable with the idea, maybe even feel it is a little morbid.



I am one of those who has always enjoyed wandering in graveyards and cemeteries, even as a child. All those years ago a friend and I, aged about 8, would spend pleasant afternoons after Sunday School strolling safely around the local town cemetery which was not too far from home (children were allowed out and about on their own in those days). This was an old established cemetery with graves dating back to the seventeenth century and we loved seeing the strange old-fashioned names such as Obediah and Euphemia and reading the inscriptions which told of lives of 'unblemished charity', of those who 'bore afflictions sore' and those who were 'generous of heart and constant of faith'. There were also the sad references to children who 'died an infant', too young to have been given an age



But, I digress, if you have not been to St. Mary's churchyard you will not be aware of the radical change that has recently taken place. Just before Christmas, for three days, teams from the 'Community Payback' service worked tirelessly cutting back, strimming and mowing the huge amount of overgrowth which, despite valiant attempts by villagers over the years to

keep things under control, had swallowed up many areas of the churchyard. The results of their labours provided the magnificent bonfire which was enjoyed by those who took part in the Community Walk. Now the whole churchyard is clear from front to back, every single grave has been exposed. How I wish this had been the case when, a couple of years ago, I was compiling the graveyard survey scrambling my way, scratched and stung, through brambles and nettles, attempting to uncover the older graves. There is a copy of the survey in the back of the church for anyone who is interested in seeing it.

Sue Eade

I thought that this would stir up some memories, some excerpts from this newspaper found in a drawer:

### East Anglian Daily Times April 14 1954

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#### Extra half penny for Electricians:

As Industrial Disputes Tribunal has awarded electricians in the contracting industry an extra halfpenny an hour from March 15<sup>th</sup>. The decision is sequel to the "guerrilla" strikes, whichj ended when the National Federation Electrical Association agreed to advance wages by two pence an hour. The rates now in operation are 4s 2d and hour (approx. 42p an hour) in the London area and 3s 9d in the provinces (37.5p app.)

### Friday Daily Herald April 12 1940:

#### Labour Winning on Home Front:

In the Thames-side factories of North Battersea men are working day and night helping Britain.

The roar of Nazi guns over Norway has echoed over North Battersea drowning out the feeble cries of Mr Joycer "Ship the war!"

A Battersea house wife interrupts her washing for a chat with Mr Douglas yesterday (Labour candidate)

By Adam Hodgson Daily Herald Reporter

#### Personal:

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### East Anglian Daily Times, April 1944:

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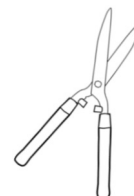
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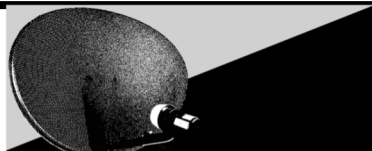
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During the last 87 years, the branch membership has seen many ups and downs, despite this, the branch has always managed to maintain the main principles of comradeship, welfare and support for service personnel and their families and to be custodian of all Remembrance Day services.

Our branch is a mixed gender branch which welcomes ex-service, as well as non-military, personnel to join us at our monthly meetings and assist in our fund-raising enterprises. We have two main fund-raising events per year as well as the national Poppy Appeal and help is always appreciated for these.

During my times as a member (10 Years) I have assisted three Chairmen, Jonathan Collins, Ben Symonds and Nick Eade. I succeeded Nick as Chairman in November 2014 and am now serving my third year. However, I, and the backbone of the branch committee and members, are getting older; we need an influx of younger members, both male and female, to help take the branch forward and to continue with our much needed fund-raising efforts.

We meet at the Fressingfield Sports and Social Club on the third Thursday of the month and would be delighted to see some new faces.

Bob Stratford (Branch Chairman)

**2017 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES**

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35

The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays:

**28<sup>th</sup> February**, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December

## Autumn Term Report – All Saints Primary School

We welcomed 18 new pupils into reception, who have all settled in very well and are enjoying their learning. We also welcomed Mrs Morgan on to the teaching staff. She trained with us last year and has already shown what an asset she is to the school.

Learning in school is incredibly important, but it is also important to us that the children have the opportunity to take their learning outside of the classroom.

Years 4 and 5 have been on a three day residential visit to Horstead. The pupils had the opportunity to climb an artificial rock face, ride a zip wire and canoe, amongst other things. They also had the opportunity to make their own sandwiches – some interesting combinations were created.

Class 4 travelled to the Harry Potter Studios along with their peers from Stradbroke Primary school. It has resulted in some fantastic writing back in school and a walk along the corridor linking class 2 to class 4 will take you past a display of letters flying from a fireplace.

Class 2 met Florence Nightingale at the Castle Museum Norwich and engaged in some hands-on learning, including bandaging and identifying the purpose of different artefacts.

Class 3 went to Ipswich museum to learn more about the Egyptians as well as to our own Laxfield Museum (thank you to the volunteers there) and to the Church.

Class 1 spent the day finding out more about farming and care of the animals at Easton Farm Park.

At the beginning of term, our SNAG (School Nutritional Action Group) pupils hosted a meal as part of the Aldeburgh Food Festival. We were pleased to borrow the village marquee (as well as some kind assemblers and disassemblers) and a super evening was had by everyone who came. This was part of our work on the *Food for Life* Accreditation scheme.

We are really proud that Jay (aged 7) was one of the winners in the Suffolk Young Poets competition, which the pupils entered. Here is his poem:-

b) Change of use of land and erection of cart lodge in conjunction with conversion of existing barn permitted under DC/16/2718/PN3

Ref. No: DC/16/4052/FUL. | Status: Permitted

### **Defibrillator Relocation**

Cllr Sannick is obtaining quotes for the electrical work.

### **Millennium Meadow and Play Area Policy**

Councillors agreed the Millennium Meadow and Play Area Policy, now on website.

### **Village Update**

#### **Play Area**

- **New Goal Posts:** Cllr Oliver has received the new goal posts and will fit ASAP.

- **Play Area Maintenance Report & Actions:** Councillors discussed and asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for bark and repairs to the cube, after Cllrs PB and RS have assessed.

- **Reported Damaged North Green Signpost:** SCDC has informed: We are aware that this sign has fallen into the adjacent ditch, however at this point in time this sign is not considered a priority. Cllrs confirmed the sign had been damaged for at least two years and will complain further.

#### **Village Maintenance**

- **Millennium Meadow Tree Plaque - Queen's 90th Birthday:** Cllrs sent their thanks to Mr Nick Eade who has kindly supplied an Oak tree and will plant. Clerk to order a plaque.

#### **Correspondence**

Cllrs noted the following correspondence:

- East Anglian Air Ambulance Donation Request
- Sizewell C Consultation Information
- Councillor Magazine
- Halesworth Volunteer Centre information

#### **Any Other Business**

- A Poppy Wreath has been laid on behalf of CPC.

#### **Items for next Agenda**

Town Estate Charity Election

#### **To confirm next meeting date/time:**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.15pm – All Parishioners Welcome!



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Cratfield Village Hall was the place to be on New Year's Eve, welcoming in 2017.

The Village Hall committee hosted the party and provided hot food and music for anyone in the village who wished to attend (friends and family were welcomed too). Over seventy people of all ages came, ate, drank and danced in the New Year and fun evening was had by all.

Our sincere thanks to Terry Hammond, the 'Disco King' who provided the disco and played some great music till the early hours – you made the night GREAT; and thanks to your 'roadies' Roger, Christian and Lawrence, who had the mammoth task of moving all the equipment.

The food was a real Cratfield affair and we would like to thank Lotty Barbour who donated all the meat for the casseroles and chilli, and Chris and Judith Mobbs for providing (cooking and carving) a lovely free range turkey and bread sauce. Thanks too, to Chrissie for cooking the chilli and Robert King for the vegetarian option.

It was so good to see so many people at the event and I hope that you will continue to support the village hall events throughout the year. We do have a number of events/supper evenings planned, so watch this magazine for further details. If you have any suggestions for an event that you would like please inform a committee member as we do try to cater for all. Best wished for 2017.

Rebecca (on behalf of the committee)

### 100 Club Draw January

**1<sup>st</sup> Frank Cousin No. 28 £15.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Aryaenia No. 59 £10.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Peet No. 19 £5.00**

**Congratulations to the winners**

With seemingly more stormy weather than ever battering us increasingly often, (or does it just seem so now that they are being named) here's how you can determine the wind's speed....

### The Beaufort Scale

Sir Francis Beaufort, a sailor in the British Navy, created what is now called the Beaufort wind-scale – a method of determining the force of the wind. Beaufort first developed it as a way of making uniform entries in his own ship's log, but it was so successful and logical that in 1838 the British Navy insisted that it should be used on every ship. At first, the Beaufort Scale only described how the wind was affecting the sea's surface, but was later expanded to include its effects on land too.

Number	MPH	Effects on land
0 Calm	0-1	Smoke rises vertically
1 Light Air	1-3	Smoke drifts
2 Light Breeze	4-7	Leaves rustle, wind vanes move, wind felt on face
3 Gentle Breeze	8-12	Leaves and twigs move constantly
4 Moderate Breeze	13-18	Small branches move, dust and loose paper move
5 Fresh Breeze	19-24	Small trees sway
6 Strong Breeze	25-31	Large branches sway, hard to use umbrella, telegraph wires whistle
7 Moderate Gale	32-38	Whole trees in motion, hard to walk against wind
8 Fresh Gale	39-46	Twigs break off trees, progress hindered
9 Strong Gale	47-54	Branches break off trees, slight structural damage
10 Whole Gale	55-63	Trees uprooted, considerable damage
11 Storm	64-72	Widespread damage
12 Hurricane	73-136	Devastation